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Filed: February 6, 2001

For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING ...

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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

## Please add new claims 14-65, as follows:

- 14. (New) A preparation comprising a protein having heparanase (endo-β-D-glucuronidase) catalytic activity or being cleavable so as to acquire said heparanase catalytic activity, the preparation being free of non-heparanase polypeptides encoded by human nucleic acid sequences.
- 15. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, the preparation of claim 14, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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The fee for claims 37 CFR1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below: **(2)** 

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Please charge the extension fee and any other amount required to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. (4) A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 25,457

Date: April 25, 2001.